

Roanoke News

ROANOKE, VA., April 18.—Rev. J. W. Sanders, Presiding Elder, of Port Wayne District, Indiana and Michigan, who was in Roanoke this week, addressed the audience at Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church on the occasion of their Easter celebration Sunday night. Rev. Sanders is a native of Franklin County, Va. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sarah Sanders, who is in very feeble health at this time and his sister, Miss Eliza Sanders, who has been very tender in her care for their mother. Rev. James S. Hatcher, delivered a very masterly sermon Easter.

Rev. Hatcher in a most persuasive manner exhorted his church and congregation Sunday morning to put away prejudices and love one another, which seemed most befitting for the Easter service when we are reminded of the deep love of God to us, the gift of His Son. There were four accessions and a collection of \$113.00 for the day.

The Easter program rendered by the pupils of Mt. Zion A. M. E. Sunday School Sunday night was one of the grandest features of past years. It was under the management of Rev. George P. Miller, superintendent and his corps of efficient officers and teachers. Mrs. Gertrude Hatcher and Mrs. Hale rendered special services. The little ones performed their parts with wonderful credit to themselves, their teachers, parents, and the sacred occasion of the resurrection of our Lord. Rev. Hatcher was highly pleased.

There has been a revival service in progress at the High Street Baptist Church for more than a week. There are many without the fold who might avail themselves of the opportunity of coming to the Saviour, while there is yet time. Rev. Harris, President of the West Virginia Baptist Convention is assisting Rev. Lee.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The fifty-sixth session of the Virginia Annual Conference convened in Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church Wednesday morning, nine o'clock. A grand ministerial reception was given the delegation, the ministers and their wives. Addresses by various representatives of the city and church, were well taken. Care of all who were on the program, among whom were Mr. L. H. Angel, Lawyer, Reid, Rev. A. L. James, D. D. of First Baptist Church. Dr. Smith represented the white ministry and Mr. T. T. Traynham, the orator of Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church.

Sunday, April 16th at St. Paul's M. E. Church, the twentieth anniversary and thanksgiving services and sermon was delivered to about 1500 St. Lukes and friends by Rev. W. W. Hicks of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. This spacious edifice was crowded. The collection was \$69.00. The work of the order is increasing rapidly under the deputyship of M. Braxton and his aides.

Rev. James S. Hatcher, B. D. delivered his farewell sermon Monday.

Mrs. Mattie Allison, of Pittsburgh Pa. was called to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Lula Calloway, of 277 Eighth Avenue, N. W. She was accompanied by Mrs. James Johnson, of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Calloway has been in for four weeks but is improving at this time.

Miss Saphronia Pittman, who has been indisposed for the past two weeks, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Thomas Claiborne, of Kimball Avenue, N. E. died Sunday night after a short illness. Her funeral took place Tuesday evening.

Mr. Joe Baker, of 34 Jordan's Alley, who has been indisposed is still confined to his bed.

FIRST MT. OLIVE NOTES.

Newtown, Va., April 18.—The Sunday School at Mt. Olive was largely attended last Sunday.

Mr. H. M. Ruffin of Richmond came home last Saturday to spend the holiday. He preached at Bethlehem Baptist church last Sunday morning and delivered an address at New Mt. Zion in the P. M.

Miss Lila Hill the younger daughter of Mr. George Hill passed away last Friday after a lingering illness of several months. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor assisted by Rev. G. P. Holmes.

Mr. Henry Acree painfully injured his hand a few days ago.

Mt. Olive was in danger of being destroyed by fire last Thursday. The timely arrival of help prevented the probable loss.

Most of the public schools of this section will close within the next few days.

Don't forget the services at Mt. Olive Sunday. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

(Thanks,

Paulsboro, N. J., April 4, 1922. Mr. A. W. Holmes, Supreme Master National Ideal Benefit Society, Richmond, Va. Your check for \$100.00 received with thanks to you and the Order. We are very grateful to you for the many kindnesses shown us in our distress. We also thank Goodwill Nursery of which she was a member.

(Signed) ANNA WESLEY, Beneficiary. Witnesses: VIOLA WESLEY, HARVEY BEVERLY.

CHILDREN MISSING BELIEVED TO BE SAFE.

Navy-Yard Sends Six Trucks Loaded With Food for Destitute.

HELP CALLED FROM OUTSIDE

Low Water Pressure Handicaps Battle to Prevent Spread of Fire.

Norfolk, Va., April 13.—Ten blocks of dwellings, covering an area more than a mile in length, in which were approximately 200 houses, several small stores and one church, were destroyed by fire which raged for more than five hours in the colored section of Berkeley Ward. The property loss is estimated at from \$500,000 to \$750,000. More than 200 families are homeless.

Two of the schools in the Berkeley section out of the fire district were thrown open early tonight, and more than 1,000 persons, a large proportion of whom are children, are making the best of their efforts to sleep on floors, tables, desks and a number of cots, most of which were furnished in the emergency by Admiral Andrews, commanding the navy yard and Captain R. Z. Johnston commanding the training station at the naval base.

AID FOR VICTIMS

Captain Johnston hearing of the destruction confronting the fire victims, many of whom lost everything they possessed sent six five-ton truckloads of food and provisions and other needed supplies to Berkeley. These were distributed by men from the training station where they would prove most beneficial. During that period in which night fell hundreds of people, most of them colored, saw everything they had destroyed. Many were buying homes from meager earnings. The roaring of the flames and the savage red glare through the twilight seemed to menace the whole eastern end of Berkeley. Many were in panic. Some of the storekeepers along Liberty street and elsewhere in the business section prepared to move such valuables as they might salvage.

The combined fire-fighting forces of Norfolk, Portsmouth, South Norfolk Ocean View, the navy yard, the army base and the navy base found all efforts futile until engines were hooked up to the river and streams forced through one line of hose. In one instance the line of hose was almost a mile in length.

SHIFT OF WIND SAVES HOMES

It was a shift in the wind and the wall of Magnolia Cemetery, combined to save hundreds of houses. This change in wind direction began to show itself about 6:30 after the flames had been spreading at will for two hours. The wind was west of south when the fire started. The shift was toward the east. The change drove the fire ahead of it directly toward the cemetery, a large open space across which the flames could not leap, and which was too great in width for burning brands or sparks to carry their menace.

In the meantime calls for assistance were sent to Newport News and Suffolk and apparatus was rushed to this city.

During the period of panic rumors of loss of life, particularly among children, flew thickly. These are believed to be unfounded. There was an absence of falling walls, there being few structures of brick within the area. Most of the children were accounted for during the night when families were reunited at the two schoolhouses. Those still missing—how many cannot be stated—were believed to have gone to the homes of friends. Communication is crippled through the destruction of telephone wires and whether there was any loss of life will not be known definitely for a day or two.

The blaze started from sparks from the old abandoned plant of the Tunnell Lumber Company in which fire was discovered about 4:30 o'clock.

Carried from a brick wind, sparks from the lumber plant landed in the shingle roofs of a half-dozen groups of houses on Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh streets.

Fire fighters were handicapped by low water pressure. So great was the demand made upon what water there was available that almost as soon as the hose connection was made it was necessary to seek another hydrant in the hope of getting better pressure. The character of the buildings was such that they burned like timber. Within a few minutes after catching one would be gone and the flames were eating in another structure.

The fire jumped over the lots around the Abraham Lincoln School which was saved. The Central Baptist Church (colored) on Liberty Street was destroyed. The water pressure was low according to reports, and the large number of fire engines, practically all from Norfolk, on the main reduced pressure. In order to avoid an explosion, the tanks of the City Gas Company were pumped out, and danger of an explosion from this source was avoided. About 85,000 cubic feet of gas were lost, either dissipated in air or burned at vents several blocks distant from points of danger.

TWO HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Wind veering toward the southeast shortly after 6 P. M. gave rise to the hope that the fire might burn itself out at Magnolia Cemetery, an open space, directly in the path into which the indicated shift would drive it. At 6:10 P. M. the fire was crossing Berkeley Avenue at Eighth Street. A gas tank of the City Gas Company at that time was in imminent danger. The fire had burned beyond the big gas tank on Eighth Street just off Berkeley Avenue. On the other side the flames were sweeping close, and it appeared that only a miracle could save the tank. The tank's iron sides were badly blistered.

Two men narrowly escaped serious injury by leaping from an automobile wrecked by a fire engine. The crash occurred at the corner of Main street and Berkeley Avenue when congestion was at its worst. The automobile could not get out of the path of the engine.

Several firemen were blistered by the intense heat or overcome by smoke, among them A. T. Satchel, Company No. 4, who was taken to St.

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HOLDS INSTALLATION.

The Joint Building Association of U. B. F. and S. M. T. held its installation on Sunday afternoon, April 9th at Bailey's Hall, at which time M. T. Bailey performed the ceremonies. J. B. Street is president and the Association is pushing forward.

A detail of sailors and marines from the navy-yard and marine barracks, under command of officers, did heroic work in tearing down buildings in the way of the flames and otherwise aiding firemen and police in handling the situation which for a time verged on panic.

Berkeley will be without gas tomorrow. Residents of that section were without lights tonight, other than that provided by candles, oil lamps and the dying glow of the flame-swept area.

CHICAGO NOTES.

Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes, of Richmond, Va., well known for her social work throughout Virginia, is expected to stop for a few days in the city while enroute west to take a much needed rest. Mrs. Stokes was recently added to the faculty of the V. N. and I. L. at Petersburg, Va., and will deliver the principal address before the meeting of the Alumni Association on June 8.

Miss R. O. Lewis, who has spent the past year studying at the Chicago Musical College, will leave the city on Monday for an extended trip east thence to her home, Richmond, Va.

A REUNION.

There was a happy reunion a few days ago when M. T. Bailey, president The Bailey Realty Co. and manager, The Milton Mercantile Agency, 3638 S. State Street and Prof. Joseph T. Whiting, in charge of the Smith-Hayes Department of the educational work of Tuskegee and the State of Alabama, met for the first time in twenty-one years, when they were members of the graduating class of 1900 of The V. N. and I. L. at Petersburg, Va.

TO SPEAK IN MICHIGAN.

Charles Satchell Morris, Jr., a brilliant young orator and well known on the oratorical platform, will leave the city in a short time to speak throughout the State of Michigan. Mr. Morris is receiving hundreds of invitations to speak in and out of the city.

HOLDS ANNIVERSARY.

On April 6th, Star of East Council, A. U. K. and D. of A., of which Mrs. Ida Simmons is Most Excellent Queen, held its anniversary exercises at Johnson's Hall, 35th and State Streets. A fine showing was made. An excellent program was rendered, at which time Daughters Eliza Jackson, State Grand Queen of Illinois, Sorilda Jackson, Nellie Burroughs, Ida Simmons and representatives of the Juvenile Department made interesting talks.

SEASON BEGUN.

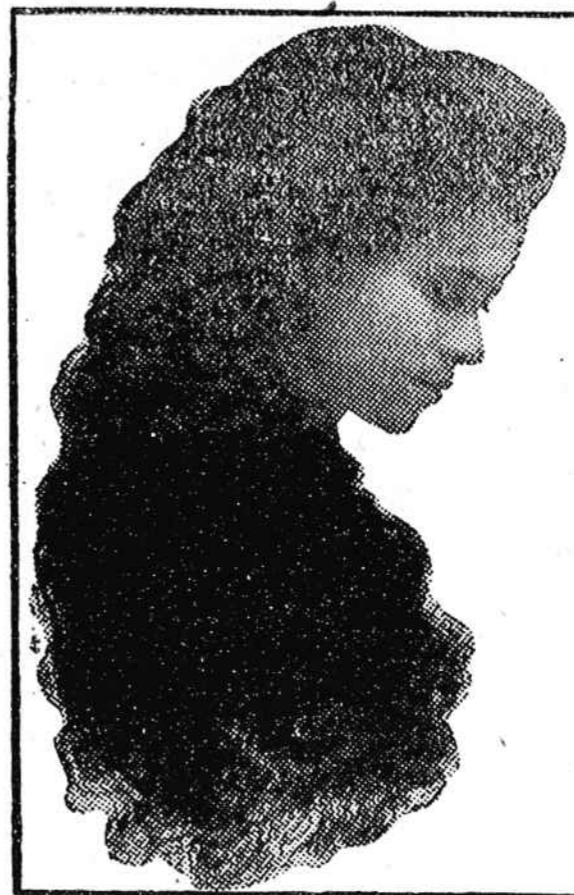
The season of selling lots in Morgan Park has been opened by The Bailey Realty Company, 3638 South State Street and every opportunity presented to members of the Race, who are anxious to buy future homes in the suburbs.

Mrs. Jennie Martin, 3556 State Street, well known in the fraternal circles of this city, who has been quite ill, is much better and able to be out among her many friends.

EXPECTED.

Hon. William H. Fields, of St. Louis, Mo., National Grand Master of A. U. K. and D. of A. is expected in the city about April 24th to witness the great military display and drill at the Eighth Regiment Armory under the auspices of the Chicago Councils and Col. J. Hall and his staff. Hon. Fields is now on a trip to Newport News, Va., Columbus, O. and New York.

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